

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a novel class of gelling agents or thickeners, to a process for preparing gelling agents or thickeners and to their use to prepare the gels. The present gelling agents or thickeners have the form of an N,N'-disubstituted aldaramide or N,N'-disubstituted pentaramide.

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